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MENIALS—QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

247. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether quarterly statements of appointments of menials made in all departments (including transferred ones) are now published in the Gazette;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, will Government be pleased to state the names of departments (including transferred ones) and offices that do not now publish the said statements;

(*c*) the reason why certain departments and offices do not now publish the statements under reference?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Not all.

(*b*) All Departments except, the Uplift, Registration and Anchal, Police, Excise and Public Works.

(*c*) Before the constitution of the Staff Selection Board, the Heads of Departments were required to publish a caste-war statement of new appointments made by them in their departments. The appointments included both Superior and Menial service. After the constitution of the Staff Selection Board the appointments made on their recommendations are published in the Gazette. There was no specific order that the appointment of menials should be continued to be notified, though some of the departmental heads have been publishing. As a measure of economy in paper, the publication of service orders were ordered to be discontinued in 1118.

Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, whether Government have any objection to restore the previous practice of publishing in the Gazette quarterly statements of menial appointments made in all departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They will consider.

MENIAL APPOINTMENTS

248. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have given clear instructions to appointing authorities in their Circular No. P3. 16825/16, dated 3rd April 1940, that in appointing inferior servants "special preference should be given to applicants from the Backward and Depressed classes provided of course these applicants are otherwise eligible for the service";

(*b*) whether the above instructions have been supplemented later on by Government's Circular No. D. Dis. 1247/16, dated 26th September 1940 in the following manner. "Heads of Departments are informed that thrownout hands who have got officiating periods to their credit cannot merely for that reason get preference over fresh hands if communal inequalities have to be redressed. In making these appointments preference should, as already ordered, be given to applicants from backward and depressed classes";

(*c*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a comparison of the figures given as appendices to the Administration Reports for 1116 and 1117 shows that whereas the number of inferior servants from the Nayar and other (caste) Hindu communities has increased by 27 and 26 respectively, the corresponding increase from the Ezhuva and Pulaya communities are only 9 and 4 respecively and that there has been a decrease of 9 and 41 from other Hindu (backward and depressed) communities and Muslims respectively, in 1117;

(*d*) whether there have been frequent complaints in the Legislative Council as well as in the press that the instructions given by Government and referred to in sub-divisions (*a*) and (*b*) are very often ignored by the appointing authorities;

(*e*) whether, in view of the aforesaid complaints, Government have taken any steps to ascertain whether their instructions in regard to this matter are closely followed by the appointing authorities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) to (*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Not recently.

(*e*) Government are enquiring.

PERSONAL CLERK OF MINISTER—CANVASSING OF SIGNATURE

249. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Mr. Krishna Menon, Personal Clerk of the Hon'ble Minister has been canvassing signatures of members of the Legislative Council to form a new political party for the Hon'ble Minister;